GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF BETEL LEAF
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Betel leaf recorded in the country during the last three years;

(b) the names of the said leaf producing State in the country;

(c) whether the Government has taken any research/development programme to improve cultivation of said leaf;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the produce of betel leaf is being affected by some disease in several parts of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to control the disease?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The total estimated production of betel leaf recorded in the country during the last three years is as under:

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Production (In lakh tonnes)	3.99	3.79	3.85

(b): the betel vine cultivating states are West Bengal, Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d): Research on betelvine is being carried out by Indian Council of Agricultural Research at different coordinating centres in major betelvine producing states. No specific programme is under implementation for development of betelvine however under centrally sponsored scheme of National Horticulture Mission launched during Tenth Plan, the thrust is on area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for the development of horticulture crops having comparative advantage including betelvine.

(e) No disease of betel leaf has been reported to the Government so far.

(f): Not applicable.